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1. At a 27 September 1952 meeting of the German Socialist Unity Party (SED), in East Berlin, a bill about the introduction of capital punishment for those who attempt to escape from East Germany, was discussed. This bill, if passed, will bear the name Republik-Flucht-Gesetz (law concerning flight from the Republic).
2. On 1 September 1952, two new guard organizations were established in all of East Germany. In cities, towns, and villages, an Objektschutz (plant guard) has been organized to guard plants, public buildings, etc., and in the country the Flurschutz (field guard) has been set up to guard agricultural equipment. Participation in the organizations is compulsory and there is no salary. In the plants, all personnel are organized, after the Soviet pattern, into "workers' defense forces", and must guard the plants day and night. In the country, the farmers are organized in a similar way by the village mayors.

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